  
Nov. 13, 1963

Mr. Eric Newman  
400 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

A few days ago I contacted Mr. Harley Freeman about a few Colonial notes that I would like to acquire, and upon doing so, I learned that he recently sold his entire collection to you. Mr. Freeman gave me your address and said that you might sell me some of your duplicates. I am interested in obtaining the following notes in uncirculated condition, and I would like to know if you have duplicates of these that I could buy.

PENNSYLVANIA NOTES SIGNED BY - John Morton  
Francis Hopkinson  
George Clymer

PENNSYLVANIA NOTE OR NOTES PRINTED BY - Franklin & Hall

ANY NOTES SIGNED BY THE MEN WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE

MASSACHUSETTS SWORD IN HAND NOTE

I am also interested in buying any other uncirculated notes of which you have duplicates. I believe that Dick Hooper gave you one of my name cards and spoke to you about me when you visited him several months ago. I hope that you will be able to help me with my collection, and I will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



December 6, 1963

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

I do not want you to think that I have neglected your letter of November 13 but I have been working full blast on an article on Continental and Colonial Currency to be published in The Numismatist beginning this February.


No doubt you have read the article which Lynn Glaser wrote in the Scrapbook for December, 1963.

I do not sell individual items of coins and currency and usually hold them to trade for something I do not have. The items you request are all the most desirable pieces and, certainly, I do not blame you for trying. I would like to acquire, in uncirculated condition, many of the notes which you indicate you wish. If I learn of a situation which might be of interest to you I will let you know.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

  
August 24, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
400 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

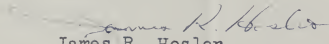
Dear Mr. Newman:

I recently wrote to the American Numismatic Society concerning purchasing an offprint of your article "A Recently Discovered Coin Solves A Vermont Numismatic Enigma" and they suggested that I get in touch with you. Mr. Elam of the A.N.S. told me that the only offprints made are those requested by the authors.

I would like to have a copy of your article for my library and if your have one that you could sell to me, I would be very grateful. Also, would you happen to have an offprint of your articles "The Continental Dollar of 1776 Meets Its Maker" and "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War" that I could buy.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

  
James R. Hosler

September 28, 1965

## MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. James R. Hosler

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Hosler:

Reference is made to your letter of August 24, 1965.

I suggest that you buy a copy of the 1958 Centennial volume of the American Numismatic Society publication and you will have in it both my article on the Vermont matter and an article by Walter Breen on the Brasher Doubloon.

I enclose herewith a reprint of "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War".


The article about the Continental Dollar Meets Its Maker is in The Numismatist for August, 1959, which is readily obtainable.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

P.O.Box 14020, St. Louis, Missouri 63178

  
October 13, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 28 and for your kindness in sending me the reprint.

I have a copy of the August, 1959 Numismatist that contains your article on the Continental dollar but I would have liked to obtain a reprint so that I could have had the article bound with hard covers.

Again, many thanks for the reprint.

Sincerely yours,

  
James R. Hosler

JRH/lc

[REDACTED]  
December 7, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I just read your splendid article "Sources of Emblems and Mottoes" in this month's issue of the Numismatist, and I would like to know whether you will have two reprints of the article that I may buy? I would like to have the reprints for my personal library on Colonial Numismatics. My intention is to have one reprint bound with hard covers and to keep the other one in its original form.

There is another article that you wrote that I would especially like to obtain in reprint form and I am wondering if you might be able to locate a nice copy to sell to me. The article is "Continental Dollar Meets Its Maker". Also, if you have any other reprints on Colonial or Continental coins or paper money I will appreciate your considering selling me one or two copies of each of them. I will be very pleased to pay you whatever price you may ask for any reprints that you are able to furnish.

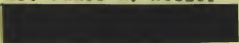
I hope that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you at your earliest convenience. With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Any 5¢  
Newman  
Send 1/2¢ red  
CCG w/ 2  
200 Feb 1957*

December 13, 1966

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

Your comment that my sources of emblems and mottoes was a splendid article is most appreciated, even if you exaggerated.

It is nice to know that many sincere numismatists are interested in such research.

Frankly, I do not know whether the article will be reprinted or not as that is up to the editors of the NUMISMATIST. I suggest that you order another copy of the NUMISMATIST so that you are protected.

With respect to "The Continental Dollar Meets Its Maker", there is no reprint, so far as I know, and I suggest you order a copy of the August, 1959 NUMISMATIST from the A.N.A., which has a substantial number of back numbers.

I am enclosing, with my compliments, a reprint of "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War" and also a reprint of the James II 1/24th Real article.

In about one month a book will be published on early American Paper Money and I think this will be of substantial interest to you.

Best Holiday greetings, and thanks for your kind words.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

[REDACTED]  
January 29, 1968


Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Are you interested in obtaining a \$4.00 Maryland note of the June 8, 1780 issue? The note does not appear to have ever been circulated, but it does have some defects. It has a horizontal fold about 1/8" above the lower edge of the note, and a slight bit of the boarder on the right side of the note is missing due to being torn from the sheet. The note is available to you by way of a trade. The value placed on it is \$200.00. I will accept, in trade, an uncirculated note or notes totaling the value of \$200.00, but they will have to be from the colony of Pennsylvania, or Continentals, and not the most common.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you are interested in the above. With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
James R. Hosler



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 5, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler

Dear Mr. Hosler:

I am embarrassed not to have responded to your January 29, 1968 letter prior to the present but have been so involved with my ordinary work that my numismatic activities took a back seat.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in suggesting the 4\$ Maryland piece of June 8, 1780. I do not have the note and presume you have one in uncirculated condition for your own collection.

What I have in uncirculated Pennsylvania pieces, in duplicate, may have some interest for you so I am just listing what I have.

40s Dec. 8, 1775 with the "Smither" in the border;

1s Oct. 25, 1775;

3d April 20, 1781.

I probably have a number of uncirculated Continentals and wonder what you might need.

If any of the foregoing are of interest to you, let me know, assuming that you still have the Maryland piece.


It would be interesting to know your progress as a collector of choice pieces and if you have an inventory of your collection I would appreciate it if you would send it to me.

I am making corrections and additions to my book on early American paper money and if you notice anything which needs correction, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

  
March 19, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of March 5th.

I still have the \$4.00 Maryland note since I haven't mentioned to anyone other than you that I am willing to trade the piece for other colonial notes.


I am not particularly interested in the three Pennsylvania notes that you listed in your letter since I already have them in my collection. I would only be interested in the notes if they bear signatures that I do not already have, and even then it would be only a slight interest.

In order to give you a better idea of what I will accept in trade for the June 8, 1780 note, I will enclose a list of several of the issues that are of particular interest to me. I will accept one or more choice uncirculated notes totaling a value of \$200.00. I do feel that my expecting a scarce note for a rare note is fair. I also feel that the value of \$200.00 which I placed on the Maryland note is much lower than Mr. Picker and Mr. Douglas would place on the note.

I have several very rare notes that I might consider trading to you but I will have to give more thought to whether I should part with them at this time. I collect only choice uncirculated Colonial-Continental notes but I do acquire scarce and rare circulated notes whenever possible to be used as trading material.

I will appreciate an early reply from you concerning whether the Maryland note is still of interest to you and which of the items on my list you are willing to part with in trade for the Maryland note.

Sincerely yours,



If you have any choice uncirculated notes from the following colonies and issues that you are willing to trade, please list the denominations and plate letters. Also, please place a realistic trade value on the notes.

PENNSYLVANIA - March 20, 1771

" " " (Francis Hopkinson)

April 3, 1772 (PENCE NOTES)

" " " (John Morton)

June 1, 1780

March 16, 1785

Massachusetts - 1779

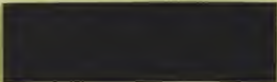
Maryland - May 10, 1781

Continentials - April 11, 1778 (YORKTOWN)

~~Feb. 17, 1776 (FRACTIONALS)~~ ?

March 28, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler



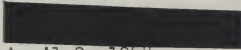
Dear Mr. Hosler:

The only items which I located which might appeal to you are a \$6 Yorktown and a \$30 Yorktown, uncirculated. Would either of these be an addition to your collection?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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April 2, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

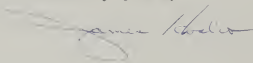
Dear Mr. Newman:


Thank you for your letter of March 28.

I am interested in the \$6.00 and \$30.00 Yorktown notes as I collect Continentals by signature combinations as well as by denominations. I would like to see the two notes if they are choice uncirculated specimens and I will appreciate your sending them to me to examine. Before you send the notes to me I must tell you that I will not trade the Maryland note for only one of the Yorktown notes. The June 8, 1780 Maryland issue is much rarer than the Yorktown issue. I am not trying to make it difficult for us to consummate a trade but if we do trade it will have to be your two Yorktown notes for my Maryland note. Two scarce notes for a very rare note.

If you feel that the above trade will be satisfactory, please send the two Yorktown notes to me at your earliest convenience so that I may examine them.

Sincerely yours,



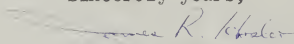
  
April 17, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have not heard from you concerning whether you feel that a trade of your two uncirculated Yorktown notes for my Maryland note would be acceptable and I am wondering if perhaps you did not receive my letter. If you have received my letter and you feel that my offer is unacceptable, please let me know at your earliest convenience. You are the only collector to whom I have offered to trade the Maryland note and I do not want to offer it to anyone else if you are still interested in obtaining the note and feel that we can consummate a trade.

Sincerely yours,

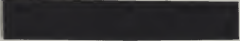
  
James R. Hosler

JRH:lc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 8, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

I have neglected our correspondence and want to apologize for it.

It did not strike me as fair that two uncirculated Yorktown notes be exchanged for one Maryland note which has some border portions missing. My knowledge of the value of notes is not too great and I had thought of submitting the valuation to a neutral third party to determine what he thought was fair. I am sending you photocopies of the Yorktown notes which will give you both the signatures and an indication as to their condition.

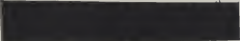
I just ran into a substantial group of Virginia Colonial pieces, but assume that you are not interested in those which are not absolutely uncirculated.

Thank you for being so patient.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

80 South Main St.  


Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter and for sending the photocopies to me.

I had reached my decision to trade the Maryland note to you for your two Yorktown notes only after considering certain facts. In 1964 I purchased an uncirculated Yorktown note from Mr. Douglas for \$100.00 and in 1966 I purchased an uncirculated \$1/10, October 17, 1780 Maryland note (page 121 in your book) for \$450.00. The few other Yorktown notes that I own were also purchased for around \$100.00 each. I feel that your Yorktown notes would sell for \$150.00 to \$200.00 each and my Maryland note with its defects would sell for around \$350.00. Both values are, of course, based on Mr. Douglas' prices. Mr. Picker's prices are slightly higher than Mr. Douglas' but both place about the same rarity rating on their material. When I placed a trade value of \$200.00 on my note I had thought that I would be able to trade it for a note not quite equal in rarity but in uncirculated condition. I did not use Mr. Douglas' or Mr. Picker's prices as a guide.


I wish that I could say that I will trade my Maryland note for only one of the Yorktown notes but it was very difficult for me to obtain the Maryland note and the cost of the note was too high to permit me to trade it for only one Yorktown note. If you would like to see the Maryland note, I will send it to you to examine. Perhaps you will find that it is not what you would like to have for your collection. At any rate, I would like to either consummate a trade during the next two weeks or file my note away for a possible trade in the near future. The days are getting nice in this area and my thoughts and time will soon be occupied by my hobby of archery and hunting with the bow and arrow.



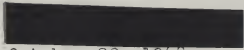
Have you ever seen a Stiegel lottery ticket and if so do you happen to own one?

I hope that I may hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

  
James R. Hosler

JRH:lc

  
October 22, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Since you did not answer my letter in which I had asked you whether you had ever seen one of the lottery tickets issued by Henry William Stiegel and your decision concerning a trade for my Maryland note, I thought that I would once again write to you concerning these questions. I had been inactive in numismatics during the summer months and consequently had given little thought to my not receiving an answer from you.

Would you be interested in trying to consummate a trade for a 5S Pennsylvania note of the August 1, 1744 issue in very fine condition? I expect to have an opportunity to obtain the 1744 note and I thought that it might be one that you could use. As you know, I collect only uncirculated colonial and continental notes.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you at your earliest convenience concerning the Stiegel lottery, the Maryland note, and the 1744 note.

Sincerely yours,


  
James R. Hosler

JRH:lc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 29, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

First, I have never seen a Stiegel Lottery ticket. Aren't you the expert in lottery tickets? I have never really studied them and just have a few in my collection.

With respect to your recent letter, I, like you, have been somewhat inactive in numismatics due to an excessive work load. I have so much numismatic correspondence I cannot keep up with it. I am asked to go over articles, to furnish information, and to look over collections and what-have-you so that I am spread much too thin with my hobby time.

As far as the Pennsylvania August 1, 1744 5 shilling note is concerned, I do not have it and would be glad to work on a trade for it or will buy it directly from you after you add on some profit for yourself if the price comes out reasonably. I certainly can dig around much more enthusiastically for uncirculated notes for you if you are able to acquire the 1744 piece.

As far as the Maryland note is concerned, I must admit that values are not my specialty. Try to sell some of the notes for the fancy prices at which they are offered and one soon learns an interesting differential.


In any event, I urge you to acquire the 1744 note and I will sincerely do my utmost to acquire it from you in a way which will benefit your collection and yourself.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/etb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

  
November 1, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman:  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter. I'm not the person who you consider to be an expert on lottery tickets. The 18th century lottery tickets issued by Henry William Stiegel are the only ones that are of interest to me.

If you wish, when I acquire the 17<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania note I will send it to you to examine. After you examine the note you may then tell me what you are willing to trade. The note is very nice and I can assure you that if I were collecting circulated notes this one would surely find a permanent place in my collection. I, like you, do not sell numismatic items but hold my material for possible trades.

Your letter is not very clear concerning a trade for my Maryland note but I have gathered from it that you are no longer interested in acquiring the note for your collection. If I am correct in my assumption, I will try to consummate a trade with another collector who has expressed an interest in acquiring the note. The \$4.00 Maryland note does not exist in the F.C.C. Boyd collection or several other large collections and for this reason I thought that you might be pleased and somewhat anxious to acquire it. I will admit that two uncirculated Yorktown notes in trade for the Maryland note might be asking for a little too much, but certainly only one Yorktown note would not be fair to me. What do you consider to be fair to both of us in a trade plus cash for the two Yorktown notes and a trade plus cash for the Maryland note. I suppose that if we can not arrive at a satisfactory trade now it will be hopeless in the future on some exceedingly rare material.

What you have said concerning fancy prices is very true but I think that both of us base our values on prices established by Mr. Picker and Mr. Douglas. Almost all numismatic material is over priced in the books but unfortunately profits based on these inflated prices are not enough for many dealers. Too many dealers add 50% or more to the guide values and as a result very false values are established. The reputable dealers who are satisfied with a fair and reasonable profit have been hurt seriously for they can no longer afford to purchase material for resale.

Please let me hear from you concerning whether you would like me to send the 1744 note to you to examine and also whether you want to consummate the trade for the Maryland note.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
James R. Hosler

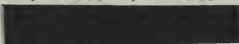
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P. S. Would you be interested in acquiring an uncirculated Vermont Britannia with almost full mint luster? The coin has a full date and must surely be the finest in existence.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 6, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

The answer is "yes" on all counts.

When you get the 17th Pennsylvania note  
send it on.

I am still interested in the Maryland  
note and merely felt that the basis needed adjustment.

I would also be interested in the Vermont  
Ryder 13 piece if it improves the pieces which I have.  
Just be sure that the source of the coin is legitimate  
as Yale had a lovely piece which was stolen.

Excuse the brevity of this note, but I  
am just catching a plane.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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November 29, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

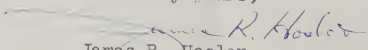
I haven't as yet obtained the 1744 Pennsylvania note. I had been in the hospital during the past two weeks and had no chance to check on the note. I might acquire a Pennsylvania August 1, 1746 20 shillings note and I am wondering whether you might be interested in the note. At this time, I do not know the plate letter or who signed the note.

The Vermont coin is legitimate and has been in the possession of its owner for many years. I will send some slides to you so that you can judge whether the coin will improve your collection.

Have you reached a decision concerning what you consider to be a fair trade for my Maryland note and your Yorktown notes? (Maryland note plus cash for the Yorktown notes and trade plus cash for the Maryland note.)

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

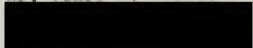
  
James R. Hosler

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 4, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

Thank you for your letter of November 29.

I am sorry you have been in the hospital and hope that everything is straightened out by now.

With respect to the 1746 Pennsylvania 20s, I think you might get a Xerox copy of it so we can know the condition, plate letter, and signature.

If you send me a slide of the Vermont Ryder 13 I will gladly return it but do not take a slide if it is inconvenient for you. My specimens are very nice and the chances of improving them are not great.

As far as our Maryland Continental proposed trade is concerned, I feel that your Maryland note is worth 1½ Yorktown Continentals and instead of involving the transaction with cash, perhaps when you get the 1744 Pennsylvania note we can find you other uncirculated things you would like. I even have Georgia uncirculated pieces in duplicate.

I am struggling with the matter of whether any Continental notes could have been printed at the Cloisters in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. I stated that they were in my book. I think I am wrong. Some of the Yorktowns were printed in York but others probably in Philadelphia. The logic is that Hall and Sellers, who were printing the notes, would not have let their press go to Ephrata. They did operate in York for a while. Do you have any information or references which could clarify these problems for me?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb



December 7, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of December 4.

I'll send a Xerox copy of the 1746 Pennsylvania note to you as soon as I have acquired the note from its owner. I'm having some difficulty obtaining the 1744 and 1746 Pennsylvania notes but I have hopes that the owner of the notes will soon decide just what material he must have for them.

If your Vermont Britannia cents are exceptionally choice, I too doubt that you would be able to use the one that I have just obtained today. My coin has almost full mint red on both sides but it does also have two small planchet defects.

I visited the Ephrata Cloister yesterday to see if I could obtain some information that might be of help to you in solving the mystery surrounding the February 26, 1777 Continental issue. I spoke to Mr. Stauffer, the gentleman who occasionally operates the printing press at the Cloister, but he was not able to furnish very much information. Mr. Stauffer is a fine old gentleman of 73 who knows a great deal about the printing trade and about the Seventh Day Baptists. I also spoke to Mr. Kraft, curator of the Cloister, and again I was able to learn very little that might verify your statement. I intend to do some research on the question and if evidence exists that will verify your original belief, I'm sure that I will find it. I have a friend who is a recognized authority on Lancaster County's early history and I intend to enlist his help. I'll notify you as soon as we have information of importance.


The value of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Yorktown notes that you have placed on my Maryland note is satisfactory, but I prefer that we consummate a trade for your two Yorktown notes on a basis of cash plus my Maryland note. I am primarily interested in Pennsylvania and Continental notes and this plus my dislike for having negotiations drag on prompts me to ask that we complete one exchange at a time. Suppose we place a dollar value on your Yorktown notes of \$250.00 each, or \$500.00 for the two notes.

This would mean that my Maryland note would be valued at \$375.00. I propose that I send my Maryland note and a check for \$125.00 to you and that you in turn send the two Yorktown notes to me. If after we have examined the notes we are both satisfied with what we have received our exchange may then be considered complete. I believe that the dollar value is very fair.

I spoke to John Ford a few days ago concerning trading a shekel of the First Jewish Revolt to him and I expect that trade to take some time to complete. Also, he would like to have the Vermont Britannia if I decide to part with it, and again a lengthy negotiation can be expected. I traded a Blake and Company ingot to Mr. Ford two years ago and that took quite some time to accomplish. I'm sure that you can see how frustrating it is when one tries to consummate a trade for two early Pennsylvania notes, a trade for two Yorktown notes, a trade involving a shekel, a trade involving a Ryder 13, and a trade for an exceedingly rare Pennsylvania note and the progress is very, very slow. The rare Pennsylvania is one that I just discovered as being available.

Please give some thought to my proposed exchange and let me hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



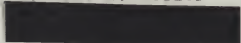
James R. Bosler

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 12, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

Thank you, very much, for the brochure and data on the Ephrata Cloister.

As I previously indicated, I had almost come to the conclusion that no Continental money was printed at the Ephrata as there is no evidence to support it. The statements made in numismatic writings in the past are apparently without foundation. W. Philip Keller, of Lancaster, checked with the historians, at Ephrata, and they have been unable to turn up anything. I felt you should know this before you asked your friend to see what he knew or could learn.

I also presume that you know that a historical marker put up on the southwest corner of West Market and Beaver Streets, in York, Pennsylvania, reads as follows:

HALL & SELLERS PRESS

First printing press west of the Susquehanna River was set up on this site. Here government publications and Continental Currency were printed while Congress met in York, September 1777 to June 1778.

I look forward to your further research.

Sincerely yours,

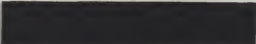
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 12, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

In your letter of December 7, 1968 you mentioned that you traded a Blake & Company ingot to Mr. Ford about two years ago.

The matter of Blake & Company ingots is a subject which we are doing considerable research on and we would very much appreciate it if you could give us the date and from whom you acquired the Blake & Company ingot, the amount you paid for it or its valuation in exchange, its denomination, and other detail. We assume it was a rectangular bar struck on both sides and was 900 fine.

Is it possible you have a picture or photocopy of of it?

We would be very interested in any details you would give us.

Sincerely yours,

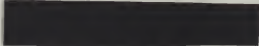
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 13, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

Since you are so anxious to clear up one transaction before we start another, we can do it.

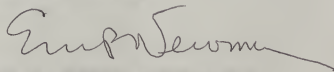
I am enclosing a Yorktown \$6 (No.31724) and a Yorktown \$30 (No.190696), both in uncirculated condition.

✓ Since I do not sell any individual items, I have a trade already worked out. If you pay the sum indicated in your letter to Richard Picker, Box 123, Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507, he will transfer title to me, on your behalf, of other Colonial currency which I have already selected. Please send me the Maryland note if everything is satisfactory.

I am sorry that you are involved with an exchange as to the 1744 and 1746 Pennsylvania notes. I thought you were merely purchasing them.

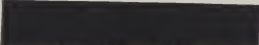
My very kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



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December 18, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letters and for sending the Yorktown notes to me.

I have examined the Yorktown notes, and while I do consider them to be in uncirculated condition, I have found that they are not what I had expected. Actually, the Xerox copies that you sent to me are more attractive than the actual notes. The Xerox copies do not indicate that the \$30.00 note has several small stains and that the signature and number on the \$6.00 note are almost completely faded away. The notes are nice, of that there is no question, but I am not as enthusiastic over acquiring them now that I have seen them. I would love to add a few more choice uncirculated Yorktown notes to my collection and can only wish that I had found the condition of your notes to be a little more desirable. I had hoped that our first exchange, involving the Yorktown notes and the Maryland note, might lead to many more in the not too distant future.

The Blake & Company ingot that I mentioned is actually an electrum. The person from whom I obtained the piece had it for many years. I believe that I have a photograph of the ingot somewhere. Mr. Ford collects western Americana and the Blake & Company ingot was one of a few pieces that I might be able to pass along to him.

If you would still like to acquire the Maryland note, and you can offer other uncirculated Yorktown notes or other scarce material in nice uncirculated condition, please let me know.

Again, many thanks for sending the notes to me to examine.  
With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



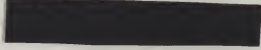
James R. Hosler

JRH:lc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 20, 1968

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

I realize you are a perfectionist and it is essential for you to be satisfied with the pieces you obtain for your collection. I have received my pieces back along with your letter of December 18, 1968 and I will do a little further looking after the first of the year.

Thank you for the information with respect to the Blake & Company ingot. By "electrum" I assume you mean that the adulteration in the gold was mostly silver. I would very much like to have the photograph of the ingot and if you want it back again I can make an appropriate copy before I return it; otherwise it is always available to you for return if you want it any more. I would, however, like to know from whom you obtained the piece and when it was obtained by you. This information will be very helpful to my research. If you want to tell me what you paid for the piece that would also be of interest.

My best regards to you for the Holidays.

Sincerely yours,

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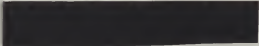


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 14, 1969

Mr. James R. Hosler



Dear Mr. Hosler:

I am just following up to see if you have located the picture of the Blake & Company ingot or can give me the date and source of your acquisition of it. Would you see what you can do for us along these lines.

Best regards for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

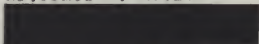
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 24, 1969

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

I look forward to receiving the photograph of the Blake and Company ingot and also the information as to its source.

I still would like to work out something for your Maryland note and am sorry that the two notes I sent you were not the state of perfection from your point of view. I don't have any better ones. However, if you want to reduce your cash outlay to, let us say, \$100 instead of \$150, then, perhaps, the trade could go through after all.

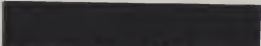
I am listing my March 20, 1771 Pennsylvania pieces which, I believe, are uncirculated.

Please tell me how I can telephone you as I have tried a relative's number at the same address, several times, and there was no answer.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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January 28, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of January 24.

I am herewith sending to you a photograph of the Blake & Company ingot. The photograph is not the one that I had ordered from the photographer but I think that it will be satisfactory. My artist-photographer friend has been very busy and has not yet been able to make other photographs. The 8 X 10 photograph is from my file but you may keep it.

I acquired the Blake & Company ingot from a person who had been a dealer in antiques for close to 60 years. He had obtained the ingot from a noted New York City dealer in antiques, Mr. Weil. The ingot was used by both dealers as a paperweight and they knew nothing of its origin or value. I hope that the photograph will aid you with your research.

My telephone is listed under my father's name, Lester W. Hosler, 717-665-2798. My family lives in Florida so there is no one at my home to answer the telephone when I'm away. During the past few weeks I have been very busy with archery and numismatic activities and I have been away from my home almost ever evening.

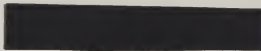
I appreciate your offering to reduce the amount of cash involved in my proposed exchange but the amount of cash had no bearing on my decision to reject the notes. I collect only choice uncirculated notes and the two Yorktown notes just did not come up to my requirements.

I'm sorry that we are not able to consummate an exchange for my Maryland note, but perhaps we have both been too difficult in the matter. At any rate, good luck with your collection, and I'll notify you if I get the 1744 and 1746 Pennsylvania notes.

Sincerely yours,

*James R. Hosler*  
James R. Hosler

JRH:lc

  
August 20, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6850 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Just a short letter to say that I enjoyed meeting you and that if I get to see you again at one of the shows I hope that I may have an opportunity to chat with you concerning our common interest in Colonial and Continental currency.

Trusting that you had a safe trip home and you were able to obtain some nice items for your collection.


Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 30, 1971

Mr. Jim Hosler  


Dear Mr. Hosler:

It was very nice for you to write me about our short meeting. I am sure we have a great deal in common and would enjoy discussing the field of our common interest but, at the moment, I am working in a few other sections of numismatics. I must admit, however, that the Colonial paper money field has captured my heart.

I have written to the leading expert on Rittenhouse and hope he can identify whether it was David, etc.

I saw you had your eye on Weber's f 6 note, in view of this discovery, even though you already have the piece in your collection. I presume you feel it ought to become more important

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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December 6, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

The following items might be available to you by way of trades, if they are of interest to you:

- Need*  
✓
- 1. <sup>60</sup> - THE CITY OF TECUMSEH - JAN. 1, 1859 - V.F. - KANSAS - R7
  - 3. <sup>60</sup> - THE CITY BANK - NOV. 1, 1856 - E.F. - KANSAS - R7
  - 50¢ - FREESTONE COUNTY - SEPT. 1, 1862 - TEXAS - R7 UNLISTED - E.F.
  - 10. <sup>60</sup> - FREESTONE COUNTY - APRIL 15, 1862 - TEXAS - R7 - E.F.
  - 50¢ - HARRISON COUNTY - FEB. 23, 1863 - TEXAS - R7 - F

If you are interested in acquiring any of the above notes, please let me know as soon as possible. Trades will have to involve uncirculated Colonial-Continental notes and/or Mormon notes (uncirculated).

I hope that all has been well with you.

Sincerely yours,

*James R. Hester*

[REDACTED]  
July 24, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

A friend of mine owns the enclosed two specimens of what I believe are New Hampshire reprints and I am wondering if you would examine them and tell me your opinion. My friend has been told that they are essays and I feel that he has been misinformed.

I am enclosing \$1.00 to reimburse you for the cost of the return postage.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
James R. Hosler



July 27, 1972

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Jim:

I return herewith in accordance with your request New Hampshire Forty Shillings, June 20, 1775, and reverse of New Hampshire Thirty Shillings Old Tenor of 1742.

The paper on which these were printed is 19th Century paper and not 18th Century. These are reprints which were made after the middle of the 19th Century when the original copper plates were discovered in the archives of New Hampshire. These pieces were cut from sheets for bills being on one sheet. You will find these sheets listed in "Early Paper Money of America" on page 351, and you will note the existence of the reprints on pages 164 and 171. I hope this will satisfy your friend as to the correctness of your opinion.

My kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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CERTIFIED MAIL

[REDACTED]  
July 31, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Just a short letter to thank you for the information on the New Hampshire items and for the speed with which you replied to my letter.

Are you still interested in obtaining the \$4.00 Maryland note of the June 8, 1780 issue that I offered to you in 1968-69? If you would like to add the note to your collection and still have the two uncirculated Yorktown Continental notes available, I'll trade my Maryland note to you. I'll trade my Maryland note plus \$100.00 to you for your \$6.00 and \$30.00 Yorktown notes. If you don't need or want the Maryland note, it will be OK and there will be no ill feelings. I have come to realize that it is foolish for me to keep something that I do not completely appreciate owning, especially when someone else could use it and would appreciate having it in his collection.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Jim Heller*

August 24, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have decided to make a slight change in my offer to trade the \$4.00 June 8, 1780 Maryland note to you. I feel that an exchange involving my Maryland note plus \$50.00 instead of \$100.00 would be more equitable. My Maryland note is valued at \$325.00 and I value your Yorktown notes at \$185.00 each.

If you would like to have the Maryland note for your collection, please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. If you do not want the Maryland note, I have an opportunity to use it in a trade to obtain a variety of the May 31, 1709 New York issue that I could use in my collection.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

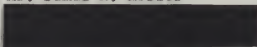
  
James R. Hosler

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 28, 1972

Mr. James R. Hosler



Dear Jim:

I was glad to see you in New Orleans.

I explained to you that I could not accept money as part of the exchange, as I do not sell notes. The only exception is that simultaneously with the required purchase of a group, to obtain a few I need, I will sell off those which I have at the same price I buy them.


Please feel free to try to get the 1709 New York piece for yourself but if that does not work out, then we will find some exchange which will be to our mutual benefit.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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November 29, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

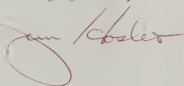
Time certainly does fly, and I find that I have not used the Maryland note of the June 8, 1780 issue in obtaining another specimen of the 1709 New York note. I thought that I would write to you again in the hope that we might be able to consummate an exchange involving my Maryland note and the two uncirculated Yorktown notes, or perhaps something else.

I don't know whether you have ever written to Colonial Valley Coin Co. here in Manheim but I'm sure that you have read that they purchased George "ait's collection of currency several months ago. Colonial Valley Coin Co. is owned by one of my friends and I was fortunate enough to be able to have an early opportunity to obtain some of the uncirculated colonial notes in Mr. "ait's collection. Not very many notes, but still a boost to my collection.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you concerning an exchange involving the Maryland note and your two Yorktown notes.

Trusting that all has been well with you, I am,

Sincerely yours,



JRH:lc

[REDACTED]  
January 29, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I never received a reply from you to my letter concerning my 1780 Maryland note still being available and the possible exchange of it for your two Yorktown Continental notes or----- I'm wondering whether my letter or your reply might have gone the way of so many pieces of mail these days. If you didn't receive my letter, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am,

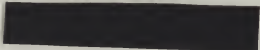
Sincerely yours,

  
James P. Hosler

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1973

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Jim

I have your two last letters.

I am willing to try again to make an exchange with you but I did not have very good luck before.

You offered me \$100.00 plus the Maryland note for the two Continental notes. I told you I do not accept cash but would take some exchange equivalent. You then changed your offer and at one time you rejected my two pieces for reason of condition even though they are uncirculated. If you have a new suggestion I will be glad to hear from you.

I am glad that you acquired some of George Wait's collection.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

February 9, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of February 5th.

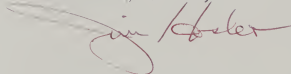
I think that it would be to the advantage of both of us to try to occasionally make some exchanges. If I would know that we could agree on exchanges and that you are willing to part with some of your scarcer duplicates in uncirculated items, I'm sure that I would, at times, be able to offer scarce items to you. I usually don't bother with items that are in less than choice uncirculated condition because it is too difficult to find someone who has duplicate uncirculated items to trade.

I appreciate your willingness to try again to make an exchange involving my Maryland note. My note traded for one of your two Yorktown notes would not be fair to me and, of course, your two Yorktown notes for my one note would not be fair to you. Since you will not accept my note plus cash, an equal value exchange is rather difficult to make. I feel that the few other notes that I can offer to you at this time will be of absolutely no interest to you but I'll list them below just in case that I'm wrong.

If you think that we will be able to get together on a trade, I would like to see the two uncirculated Yorktown notes again.

Trusting that everything is fine at your home, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Pa. - May 20, 1758 - 20S - V.P. mine are both off  
" - May 1, 1760 - 20S - P. " " " off  
" - May 1, 1760 - 50S - P. " " " off  
P.I. - May 22, 1777 - 1/4 - V.P. " off

Have you come across any uncirculated duplicates of the March 20, 1771 Penna. issue?



[REDACTED]  
August 30, 1973

Dear Mr. Newman:

I'm sorry that you didn't have an opportunity to examine the North Carolina notes at Boston. It seemed that most of us were very busy and that we could not do all that we had planned. I looked for you several times after you expressed an interest in seeing the notes but I saw you only one time and that was when you were talking with Mr. Picker at his table.

If you have a want list and would care to send it to me, I'll see whether I can help you with some North Carolina notes. Perhaps you have some common Pennsylvania notes or Continentals in uncirculated condition that you would care to trade for North Carolina notes.

Trusting that you did well in Boston, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Jim Hooley*

- # 1/2 cornucopia
- 1/2 vase of flowers
- 1/2 Monogram SM
- 1/4 three fish
- 1/2 Monogram with toothed border of triangle

Reply sent  
9/4/73  
asks for these

[REDACTED]  
Sent. 14, 1973

Dear Eric:

I checked the April 2, 1776 North Carolina notes and, unfortunately, none of the ones that you need are in the collection that was recently purchased. I have hopes of obtaining a fine collection of southern colonial notes and perhps I'll be able to help you with the North Carolina notes when I get the collection.

I expect to make some trades with museums in this area and I've been forming a group of nice notes and items to use in trade. I had been passing my opportunities to acquire circulated items along to other collectors but now I'm adding items for future trades.

I think that you've done a fine job on your book and it's really hard to suggest anything worthy of consideration. The few little things that I can think of are rather unimportant.

I'm enclosing Verorex copies of a few counterfeit notes that I recently acquired. Perhaps the information might be of value to you.

With kindest regards, I am,


Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 4, 1973

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for sending me the photocopies of the three counterfeits; \$10 North Carolina 1778, \$8 Continental 1776 and 2/6 Virginia July 17, 1775. These are not listed, but unfortunately the xerox copies are so poor I cannot describe them properly. Can you have better xerox copies made, or will you send them to me so that I can make some nice ones.

Stirring up the carbon before making the copies produce a much blacker impression. On the new machines you have a button to make the images blacker. I do want, however, to get much better copies for my permanent files and for my descriptive material as to the differences between the counterfeits and genuine.

If you ever get the southern colonial note collection, please let me know, as there are a number of items which I would like to acquire if available.

Thanks for the nice things you said about my book.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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[REDACTED]  
October 30, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I apologize for not replying to your letter dated Oct. 14th before now. I'm building a shop for the sale of coins, stamps, old books, documents and antiques and the work has been occupying all of my time.

I'm enclosing, for your examination and to make photocopies, the counterfeit colonial notes that you asked to see. I hope that being able to examine the notes is helpful to you. I'll probably be able to furnish some other information in the near future.

If I am able to obtain the southern colonial notes, I'll send a list of the items to you. Perhaps we will be able to make some exchanges.

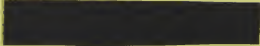
Trusting that all is well at your home, I am,

Sincerely yours,



November 14, 1973

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. James R. Hosler  


Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for sending me the counterfeits. I am returning them herewith, along with reproductions of better quality.

Whenever you have some new information or new items, I am sure you will contact me.

I wish you the very best of luck with your shop as it seems to have a broad scope of interest. You are doing what my wife would like to do, but, so far, I am trying to keep my wife from doing it.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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May 17, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

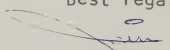
Dear Eric:

I'll appreciate your telling me whether the Sword In Hand note shown on the enclosed photocopies is a genuine Paul Revere note or a counterfeit. I believe, from examining and comparing photographs of genuine notes, that the specimen in question is genuine. Unfortunately, I don't have a photocopy of a genuine 42S note of the December 7, 1775 issue to use in comparing, nor do I have a photocopy of the impression in the A.A.S. collection.

I'll appreciate your help and I hope that you can furnish the information rather quickly. If the note is or is not genuine, could you please furnish a photocopy of another 42S note.

I'll write again very soon and tell you about a collection of colonial material that might become available through me.

Best regards,

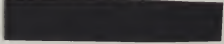
  
Jim Hosler

JH:lc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 24, 1976

Mr. James Hosler  


Dear Jim:

The second A in MASSACHUSETTS differs on some of the enclosed xerox copies of my file on 42s Mass. 12/7/75. The American Antiquarian Society face plate reprint is with the hole where the number should be.

Now you have the problem of telling which is good and which is bad. I'll appreciate your findings. It is a very difficult problem. What diagnostic detail can you find?

If a collection comes your way I would naturally be interested in what I need or, if necessary, all of it.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah